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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Nobuaki Takahashi, et al.

Examiner: NYA

Serial No.: 09/811,367

Art Unit: NYA

Filed: March 16, 2001

Title: SOLUBLE MAST CELL  
FUNCTION ASSOCIATED  
ANTIGEN (MAFA) PHARM-  
ACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS  
AND METHODS OF MAKING  
AND USING THEM

PRE AMENDMENT/A  
AT PTT 5/2 2002

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 1, please insert --This application claims priority to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/190,716, filed March 17, 2000.--

Remarks

The amendment to the specification was made to reference the priority application, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.78. The amendment therefore does not add new matter and entry